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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING BEER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6, 19, and 23.

Please amend the remaining pending claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for producing beer comprising:  
(a) filtering beer through a porous membrane until such time that the [said] porous membrane is in need of cleaning,  
(b) contacting the [said] porous membrane with an enzyme selected from the group consisting of cellulases, amylases, and combinations thereof in the absence of a protease or a glucanase to clean the [said] porous membrane, and  
(c) then reusing the [said] porous membrane to continue filtering beer.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the [said] porous membrane is not contacted with an enzyme other than the [said] cellulase or the [said] amylase.